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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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PATENT

Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson et al.	Docket No.:	41821.0217
Serial No.:	09/024,988	Examiner:	Anne L. Holleran
Filed:	February 17, 1998	Art Unit:	1642
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 7, 2005, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to December 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.